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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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March 17, 2009

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **C-1**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
CITIES OF LOS ANGELES AND WEST HOLLYWOOD AND  
THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST WHITTIER  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 3)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to ratify changes in work and accept completed public works construction contracts in the Cities of Los Angeles and West Hollywood and the unincorporated community of West Whittier.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

- Project ID No. FCC0000970 - Hollyhills Drain, Unit 8B (Phase II) and Project No. 3881, Unit 1 - Line E, to construct a storm drain system, Cities of Los Angeles and West Hollywood, Colich Construction, L.P., with changes amounting to a credit of \$54,175.31, and a final contract amount of \$13,005,598.62.
- Project ID No. FCC0001034 - Choisser Street Drain, Unit II, to construct a storm drain, in the unincorporated community of West Whittier (1), Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$7,664.69, and a final contract amount of \$229,914.36.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's ratification of Director of Public Works-approved changes in a public works contract and your Board's acceptance of the work of the contract in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the attachments are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contract to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Attached for your ratification are changes in work, which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0000970 and FCC0001034.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the date indicated in the attachments.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Acceptance of these contracts completes the work to improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The modifications to the contract amounts are credits of \$7,664.69 and \$54,175.31, while the total values of the contracts are \$229,914.36 and \$13,005,598.62.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the attachments.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the attachments are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of these changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the attachments.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000970 - HOLLYHILLS DRAIN, UNIT 8B, (PHASE II) AND  
PROJECT NO. 3881, UNIT 1 - LINE E (Cities of Los Angeles and West Hollywood),  
Supervisory District 3

Contractor: Colich Construction, L.P., 1590 Francisco Street, Torrance,  
California 90501

Project Description:

Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe storm drain and drainage structures;  
dewatering, treatment, and disposal of groundwater; and other appurtenant work.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on September 18, 2007, in accordance with the  
plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to  
the length of time required by the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to  
close out the contract.

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid  
items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in  
contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid  
quantities and actual quantities. The changes resulted in a credit to the contract in the  
amount of \$54,175.31.

Final Contract Amount:

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| Original contract amount   | \$12,102,248.00               |
| Actual costs of changes in work previously<br>approved by your Board | 957,525.93                    |
| Changes in work authorized by the Director<br>of Public Works        | <u>(54,175.31)</u>            |
| <b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>   | <b><u>\$13,005,598.62</u></b> |

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| Percent total change to original contract amount | 7.5% |
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001034 - CHOISSER STREET DRAIN, UNIT II (in the unincorporated community of West Whittier), Supervisorial District 1

Contractor: Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc., PO Box 309, Brea, California 92822

Project Description:

Construction of a storm drain and other appurtenant work.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on November 3, 2008, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Changes to the plans and specifications not anticipated in the original design were made during construction to account for existing field conditions and to complete the project in accordance with the intent of the plans. The changes were variations in bid quantities and reimbursement for railroad insurance. The changes resulted in a net credit to the contract in the amount of \$7,664.69.

In addition, the contractor requested 36 hours of overtime, which resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount of \$1,890.00.

Final Contract Amount:

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| Original contract amount   | \$226,490.00        |
| Actual costs of changes in work previously approved<br>by your Board | 12,979.05           |
| Changes in work authorized by the Director<br>of Public Works        | (7,664.69)          |
| Deduction for overtime inspection                                    | <u>(1,890.00)</u>   |
| FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT  | <u>\$229,914.36</u> |
| Percent total change to original contract amount                     | 1.5%                |

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